

Academic Health Centers Respond to COVID-19



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VACCINE

University of Illinois at Chicago is participating in a national study to test Moderna's potential mRNA vaccine against SARS-CoV-2. The university is enrolling 1,000 people to start the trial, hoping the potential vaccine shows patients have a lower risk of getting sick and, for those who become ill, better health outcomes.

<https://today.uic.edu/uic-vaccine-study-opens-today>



TESTING

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis developed a COVID-19 saliva test with faster results than nasal swabs and enables screening on a massive scale. The method is cheaper to produce and results from the test are available in a few hours

<https://source.wustl.edu/2020/08/washington-university-develops-covid-19-saliva-test/>



COMMUNITY

Morehouse School of Medicine received a \$40 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fight COVID-19 in racially-diverse, rural, and socially vulnerable communities. The three-year project will partner with community organizations to deliver education and resources for fighting the pandemic.

<https://www.ajc.com/news/local-education/morehouse-school-medicine-gets-million-grant-fight-covid/XDNYgPlyYzzTce85ELeNyH/>



TRAINING

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences created an educational video series that provides critical information on ventilator usage and novel modes. Aimed at helping non-intensivist clinicians respond to critically ill COVID-19 patients, the videos provide a valuable resource for healthcare professionals.

<https://www.usmedicine.com/2020-compendium-of-federal-medicine/with-video-series-usu-breathes-life-into-ventilator-training-for-covid-19/>